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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Rain in west portion; fair and cooler in east portion.
Washington—Rain.
Idaho—Rain or snow

AGAIN UP TO THE PEOPLE.

Despite the ardent fight put up by Representative John C. McCue, of Clatsop, against it, the bill recommended by the joint-legislative conference, on the fisheries of the Columbia, has passed, and the two bills that passed the Oregon electorate last summer are to be submitted again to the people for revocation; for we take it that the Legislature has not the power to revoke the plain mandate of the people themselves on any question.

One of these bills, the gill-netters' measure, passed by a majority of 25,000; the other came through the polls with a scant 6,000 to the good and both passing, stand of record in diametric conflict, to the detriment of every interest presumed to be served; hence, the proposition that they be cancelled, despite the fact that the former is of inestimable value to the salmon fisheries of the State, and that the later is but a hampering, make-shift, expedient to thwart and defeat the original and paramount measure, and to fasten the predatory fishing methods of a beggarly handful of rich operators on the trade of the river and State.

We do not know what the people will do with these bills when they come up again. Their previous treatment of them proves them incompetent to go to the bottom of legislative suggestions and handle them separately upon the inherent merit of claim and counter-claim.

The one hope exists that by the time they are brought forward the people may have been taught to discriminate between them for the safety of one of their greatest industries; and to have learned to think out the problem confronting them before putting their flat hand on them. If these conditions cannot be attained to, then the sooner we revoke the I. & R. law, the better for all concerned.

THE CLUTCH BROKEN.

Almost as an answer to our inquiry of yesterday, "what has the Legislature done?" comes the announcement that it has passed the insurance bill and amended it to the point of breaking the clutch of the San Francisco pirates, put the business on a free and open basis in Oregon and made it helpful to the State. This is much, and we are grateful. Oregon has borne her insurance burdens with marvelous patience, and now that she has a way out, will probably take the trail at once and "gang her ane gait."

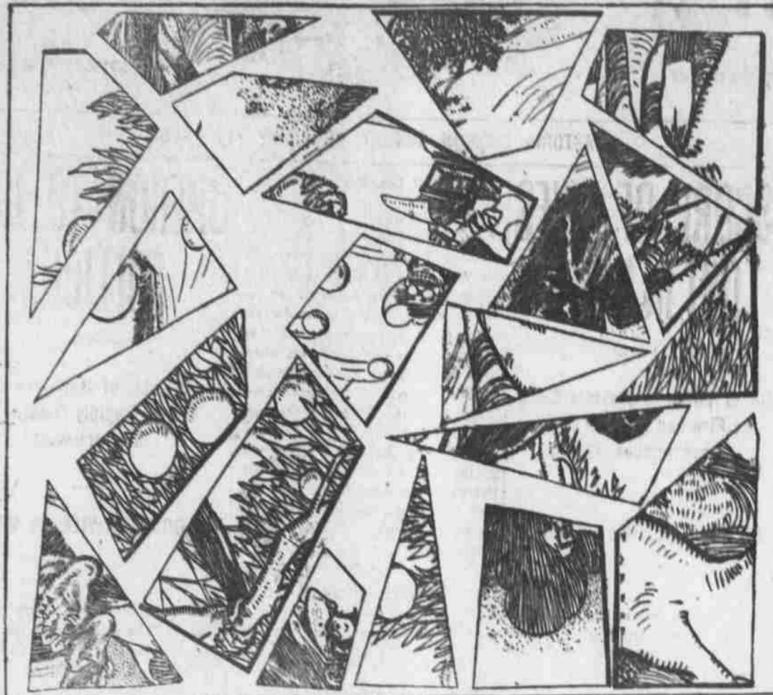
Opening up the commonwealth to all companies upon an equitable basis and giving them a rationally free hand in the insurance market is bound to make insurance cheaper all over the State and if anything were needed in Oregon it is just that thing. For this need of advantage we shall erect a mental tablet in our memory to the 1908 general assembly.



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Teddy In Jungleland—Dollar a Word Interview.

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HARRIMAN LINES IN OLD CLATSOP

NEW O. R. & N. MAP JUST ISSUED FROM S. P. HEAD-QUARTERS.

The new map of the O. R. & N. Company is out. It is being judiciously circulated by G. W. Roberts, the company's representative in Astoria, where he believes they will be appreciated, and it may be said, in passing, that they are pretty generally appreciated, around this city by whomsoever they are scrutinized, for there is much upon them that never appeared on a S. P. wall map before. The notable additions are accentuated red lines traversing Clatsop county and indicating the routes of two distinct lines of railway projects.

The art of knocking is but one of the minor achievements after all. It is simply a question of knocking the wrong thing, and letting the right thing flourish. The art lies in being able to distinguish between the two.

The department of public prosecution for this district has the thanks of the people of Astoria for some mighty good work done at this session; and it goes without saying that the measure of acknowledgment will expand in generous ratio with the further cause that invites it. There is something mighty refreshing in the record so far!

It is reported that the buds are opening out on the Clatsop hill-sides and in her valleys. This has a warm and "springy" sound; but we are fearful for the little buds. These dainty and inexperienced little tokens are liable to be "nipped in the bud" as it were, and perish just when they are expected to live. To those not yet out, we urge a discriminating hesitancy, a shyness, and obstinate and protracted retirement, that may be wholly justified by later developments in the weather. There is no confidence to be placed in signs, almanacs, weather bureaus nor any other climatic spell-binders, this year.

Oregon had better let the federal government take the initiative in the building and operating of railways. It is a vastly expensive experiment, and Uncle Sam has more cash and credit wherewith to make the play. It is our opinion that Mr. Harriman would like no better proposition than to have the State build that central Oregon line, and then buy it up at his own figure when the State had failed to make good. He has the very sum of knowledge of graft, when it comes to building railroads and knows just where the State would

noted before, and gives us something else to think and speculate on, well worth the thought. The Portland press is not nearly so well pleased with the program thus cut out for this county, and deplors the fact along with the correlative circumstance that no mention is made on the new map of the proposed line from Deschutes to Bend.

VAST FRUIT MARKET.

Chicago to Install a \$10,000,000 Plant At Once.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—The Record-Herald today in a news article says that the establishment at the end of South Water street as the greatest fruit and vegetable market in the world has been signalled by the announcement that the last deal virtually has been closed in a \$10,000,000 real estate transaction which will give Chicago a large new produce market south of the loop district. The announcement too, solves Chicago's greatest real estate mystery. For years there has been persistent buying through brokers of land in the vicinity of the site for the new market. Real estate men have puzzled over the motive without gaining the slightest clew. Supervision of the purchase of the site was intrusted to W. B. Jansen, fourth vice president of the Santa Fe Railway. President B. F. Winchell, of the Rock Island Railroad, also, interested, is in New York and it is believed that details regarding the future of the project will be announced when he returns. Although the official announcement has not yet been given out, it is believed that officials of the Wash. Rock Island, Santa Fe, Panhandle and Western Indiana lines will be found to be actively interested in the success of the venture.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Astoria Savings Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 5, 1909.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U.S. bonds, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Surplus fund, etc.

Total \$800,120.31

I, Frank Patton, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK PATTON, Cashier.
Correct—Attest: J. Q. A. BOWLBY, J. W. GARNER, FRANK PATTON, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of February, 1909. FRANK J. TAYLOR, Notary Public.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 5, 1909.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U.S. bonds, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Surplus fund, etc.

Total \$902,322.18

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss:

I, S. S. Gordon, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. S. S. GORDON, Cashier.
Correct—Attest: JACOB KAMM, G. C. FLAVEL, W. F. MCGREGOR, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of February, 1909. V. BOELLING, Notary Public.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Astoria National Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 5, 1909.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U.S. bonds, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Surplus fund, etc.

Total \$765,466.06

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss:

I, J. E. Higgins, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier.
Correct—Attest: GEO. H. GEORGE, A. SCHERNECKAU, F. L. WARREN, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of February, 1909. G. C. FULTON, Notary Public.

Scandinavian-American Savings Bank

OF ASTORIA, OREGON, as made to State Bank Examiner, February 5, 1909.

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